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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING WILL HEAR FROM 2005 EARTH DAY AWARD NOMINEES

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, March 23, 2005, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will begin 8:30 a.m. with nominees for 2005 Earth Day Awards stating their cases for receiving an award. The board presents Earth Day Awards to companies or individuals who go beyond what is required by regulation to protect the environment while developing Utah's natural resources.

The six nominees to make formal presentations before the board are Bill Barrett Corporation, ConocoPhillips, Energy West Mining Co., Questar Exploration, and Trout Unlimited. ConocoPhillips is nominated for two separate projects. Based upon the information presented the Board will determine who will receive 2005 Earth Day Awards. The awards themselves will then be presented during the board's regular scheduled meeting in April.

"Fifteen Earth Day Award nominations were received this year," explained Board Chairman Jim Peacock. "From those 15 we selected six as being worthy of further consideration and we look forward to hearing what these companies have accomplished."

Following Earth Day Award presentations the board will also receive an update on the recently concluded legislative session. Due to Earth Day presentations the formal agenda will begin at 11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. <u>Docket No. 2004-017, Cause No. 102-80</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of GENERAL MINERALS CORPORATION for an Order Approving an Enhanced Recovery Project by Waterflood, Gas Flood, and Water or Gas Injection in the Cisco Springs Unit, in Section 10 (Amended from Sections 9-11 and 14-15), Township 20 South, Range 23 East, SLM, Grand County, Utah, in Accordance with Utah Code Ann. Sec.40-6-7 and 40-6-8; and Approving of Unitization of the Oil and Gas Interests; and for Authority for Underground Injection of Fluids.

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General Minerals Corporation has requested to continue to May. The Division has requested the matter be dismissed.

2. <u>Docket No. 2004-020, Cause No. 236-03</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of MAR/REG OIL COMPANY, for an Order Approving an Enhanced Recovery Project by Waterflood and Water Injection in the East Brennan Bottom Unit in Portions of Sections 16, 17, 20 and 21, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah, in Accordance with Utah Code Ann. Sec. 40-6-7 and 40-6-8; and Approving of Unitization for the Oil and Gas Formations; Unitization of the Oil and Gas Interests; and for Authority for Underground Injection of Fluids.

A motion to withdraw has been filed in this matter.

3. <u>Docket No. 2005-002, Cause No. 114-06</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of QUESTAR EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY for an Order Vacating in Part the Spacing Order in Cause No. 114-1 to Provide for the Drilling of Additional Wells to Achieve a Well Density Equivalent to 40-Acre Well Spacing, for the Production of Gas and Associated Hydrocarbons from the Green River Formation Comprising Sections 30 and 31 in Township 7 South, Range 25 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah.

This matter has been continued to April.

4. <u>Docket No. 2005-004, Cause No. 114-07</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of QUESTAR EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY for an Order Down Spacing the Existing 320-Acre Spacing Established Under Cause No. 114-3 to Two 160-Acre Spacing Units for the Production of Gas and Associated Hydrocarbons from the Green River Formation Comprising the E ½ of Section 11, Township 7 South, Range 24 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah.

This matter has been continued to April.

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